

Eliza Broadus Offering for State Missions

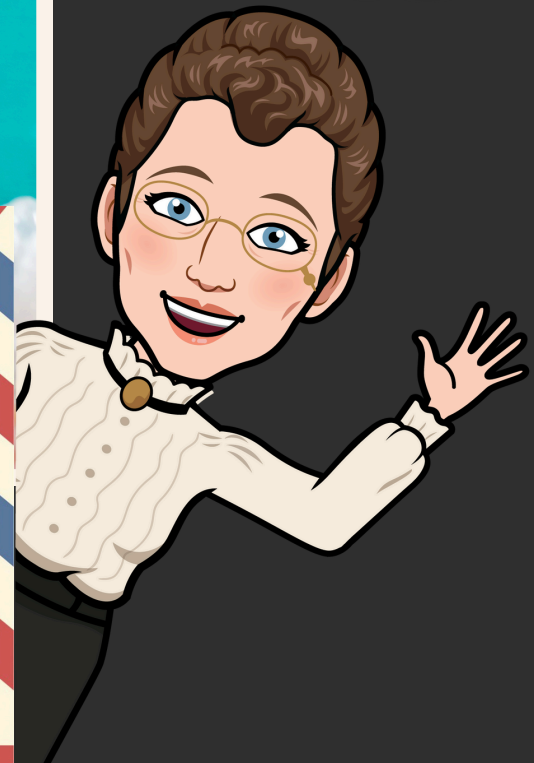
CHILDREN



2024-2025
THE GOSPEL AT
Home

“Bread of Life” Food Pantry

Children will learn how God uses believers at Ormsby Heights Baptist Church to share the gospel with their neighbors in Louisville.



Children's Mission Study

“Return home and tell how much God has done for you.” So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him. Luke 8:39 NIV

Introduction & Background

The members of Ormsby Heights Baptist Church in Louisville provide two ministries to their Hispanic and Congolese neighbors. The church received an Eliza Broadus Offering Ministry Grant from Kentucky WMU. Through the “Bread of Life” food pantry, Ormsby Heights gives non-perishable food items as well as fresh vegetables and meats to their neighbors. “Bread of Life” has opened doors to share the gospel. Some international neighbors have started attending worship services at Ormsby Heights. Members of Ormsby Heights realized that many of their neighbors receiving food wanted to learn English. Last year, Ormsby Heights “stepped out in faith” and began an ESL (English as a Second Language) COFFEE ministry. ESL/COFFEE stands for “Community of Friends Focused on Effective English.” They offer three classes: a survival class, a beginner’s class, and an intermediate class. A snack or meal is served at each meeting. Volunteers build relationships. A specific biblical truth is shared each week. The lessons relate directly to God, His love, His creation, His plan, His provision, and our purpose. Ormsby Heights has expanded the ministry to offer two semesters in 2024. Bobby Meredith, Community Outreach Pastor at Ormsby Heights, says, “The smiles and joy of the people going through this class are truly humbling and are such an encouragement to our church.”

Session Goals

- Children will learn about the ESL/COFFEE ministry of Ormsby Heights Baptist Church.
- Children will learn how Ormsby Heights Baptist shares the gospel as they minister through Bread of Life food pantry and ESL/COFFEE.
- Children will be challenged to meet the needs of people in their own communities including sharing the gospel.

Preparation

- Display a map of Kentucky.
- Provide an EBO offering envelope for each child.
- Print a copy of “Spanish Color Words” for your reference.
- Provide a picture of Jesus.
- Print the following phrases on the board:
 - My name is _____. (Place your name in the blank.)
 - What is your name?
 - Jesus loves you!
 - Mi nombre es _____. (My name is _____.)
 - ¿Cómo te llames? (What is your name?)
 - Jesus’ te’ ama. (Jesus loves you!)
- Review Spanish pronunciations for color words and phrases.
- Prepare a chart with these headings in columns:
 - What are the needs in our community?
 - How can we meet the needs? (resources, talents, skills)
 - How can we share the Good News?
- Ask an ESL ministry or local family resource center if they could use “Use Me Books.”
- Print a “Use Me Book” for each child. Print pages back-to-back. Fold each book and staple in the center. For each child provide a pencil, a crayon, a stick of gum, and a balloon. Provide clear tape.

Session Plans

OPENING ACTIVITY (5-10 minutes) Play “I Spy” using Spanish color words. (i.e.. I spy with my little eye, something that is rojo.) Don’t show the kids the Spanish color words at the beginning of the game.

Say: Was it difficult to play “I Spy” using Spanish? Today we’ll learn about a church in Louisville that is teaching kids and adults in their neighborhood to speak English. (Ask a child to locate Louisville on the map of Kentucky.) The countries they come from speak Spanish.

Ask: Why do you think the church wants to teach English to their neighbors? Lead kids to find Luke 8:29 in their Bibles. Ask a volunteer to read the verse. Say: Members of Ormsby Heights Baptist Church are telling their neighbors what Jesus has done for them.

LESSON

1. Say: *Ormsby Heights Baptist Church in Louisville operates a food pantry called, “Bread of Life.” Can you guess where they got this name? (Ask a volunteer to read John 6:35.) As the church gave food, they realized that their neighbors coming for food had other needs as well. A big need in their community is to learn English. Ormsby Heights Baptist Church began an English as a Second Language class or ESL. They call their ministry ESL/COFFEE which means “Community of Friends Focused on Effective English.” Volunteers teach beginner, intermediate, and survival classes. Another need the volunteers at Ormsby Heights noticed was a need for their neighbors to know God. As part of the classes, volunteers share stories about God, such as creation and Jesus’ death and resurrection. Some neighbors who are learning English as a second language are beginning to attend worship services at Ormsby Heights Baptist Church! Bobby Merideth is the Community Outreach Pastor. He says, “This allows us to continue nurturing those relationships and reinforce what they are learning as they use what they are learning to interact with our church membership.”*

2. **Say:** *Let’s imagine we are learning English in an ESL/COFFEE class.*

Refer to the board.

For each English phrase:

Point to and say each very slowly. Try not to say anything except the words on the board.

Direct kids to repeat each word after you.

Repeat 4 times.

Say: *Now let's imagine we are learning Spanish.*

Refer to the board.

For each Spanish phrase:

Point to and say each very slowly. Try not to say anything except the words on the board.

Direct kids to repeat each word after you.

Repeat 4 times.

3.Optional: If you kids need more movement, write these words on the board: hop, march, clap, walk, twist, (etc.) Point to each word and demonstrate the motion. Lead kids to say and do each word. Say: English learners can learn action words by doing them.

MISSION PROJECT

Choose one or both activities to help children learn how to reach out to neighbors in their community.

Community Needs

- 1.Say: *The leaders at Ormsby Heights Baptist Church made a plan before they started Bread of Life and ESL COFFEE. What do you think is the first thing they did? They prayed! Then they looked at the needs in their community. They asked church members to serve. They asked ESL experts for advice. Finally, they invited their neighbors.*
- 2.Say: *Let's think about the needs in our community and how we or our church can help. Pray for God's leadership.*
- 3.Help kids complete the community needs chart.
 - a.If possible, discuss plans to meet a need in the coming weeks.

Use Me Book

- 1.Contact an ESL ministry or family resource center to determine if the Use Me Book would be helpful.
- 2.Explain that you are making books for children who are learning English.
 - First page- Direct kids to write a message to a child who is learning English. Make sure grammar and spelling are correct.
 - Second page- Complete the page and tape a pencil to the page.
 - Third page-Tape a stick of gum to the page.
 - Fourth page- Tape a balloon to the page.
 - Fifth page- Tape a crayon to the page.
- 3.Say a prayer for the children who will receive the Use Me Books.
- 4.Deliver the Use Me Books.

CLOSING

Say: Both the Bread of Life and ESL/COFFEE ministries received an EBO (Eliza Broadus Offering) grant to help pay the expenses for these ministries.

Give each child an EBO envelope. Challenge them to give an offering for ministries like Bread of Life and ESL/COFFEE ministries. Pray for these ministries or ask a child to pray.

*Eliza Broadus Offering Badges are available from Kentucky WMU for \$3 each



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Spanish Color Words

rojo- red

naranja- orange

amarillo- yellow

verde- green

azul- blue

lila- purple

rosa- pink

blanco- white

negro- black

marrón- brown



Use Me Book

Jesus Heals

Based on Luke 6:17-19

A large crowd of people from all over Judea came to hear Jesus and be healed of their diseases. Even people who were troubled by evil spirits were healed. Everyone kept trying to touch Jesus. Jesus' great power was healing them all!

My Name _____

Read me.



Jesus Feeds the People
Based on John 6:1-14

Once there were thousands of people listening to Jesus teach. It was late in the day, and Jesus wanted the people to have some food before they went home. Jesus told his disciples to feed the people. The disciples did not have money to feed all the people. One of Jesus' disciples said, "**There is a boy here with five loaves of bread and two fish. But how can this feed so many?**" Jesus blessed the bread and fish. They had enough food to feed the thousands of people. They even had some food left over!

Color with me.

Write with me to tell a story
about yourself.

My name is _____
and I like to _____

on a sunny day.

Chew me.

Play with me.